

In the Claims

Please add new claims 21-38.

Claims 1-15 (Cancelled)

16. (Original) A method of flexibly securing a hydraulic reservoir to a support structure, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) coupling said reservoir at a first location to the support structure;
- (b) coupling said reservoir at a second location to the support structure;
- (c) coupling said reservoir at a third location to the support structure;
- (i) said first, second, and third locations defining a triangular configuration;

and

(d) permitting the support structure to flex under torsional forces and substantially isolate the hydraulic reservoir from the torsional forces due to the triangular configuration defined by the first, second, and third locations.

17. (Original) A hydraulic reservoir enclosure assembly, comprising:

- (a) a reservoir for containing a hydraulic fluid, said reservoir having a front side and a back side;
- (b) a frame sized to at least partially enclose said reservoir, said frame including:
 - (i) a first side support structure;
 - (ii) a second side support structure; and
 - (iii) a bottom support structure extending between the first and second side support structures; and
- (c) a mounting arrangement coupling said reservoir to said bottom support structure of said frame, said arrangement consisting of:
 - (i) a first mounting member;
 - (ii) a second mounting member;
 - (iii) a third mounting member; and

(A) said first, second, and third mounting members being positioned in a triangular configuration.

18. (Original) The reservoir enclosure assembly of claim 17, wherein each of said first, second and third mounting members is a bracket, each of said brackets having:

- (a) an attachment flange;
- (b) an extension portion to offset said reservoir from said bottom support structure to provide a space therebetween; and
 - (i) said triangular configuration and said space isolating said reservoir from transaxial flexure.

Claims 19-20 (Cancelled)

21. (New) The method of claim 16, further including the step of:

- (a) providing first, second, and third support members coupled to said reservoir, each of said support members including a flange portion and an extension portion; and
- (b) coupling said flange portion of each of said first, second, and third support members to the support structure at the first second and third locations.

22. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein said support members have an L-shaped configuration.

23. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein said extension portion of said first, second, and third support members positions said reservoir a distance from said support structure.

24. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein said support structure is a frame that partially encloses the hydraulic reservoir.

25. (New) A hydraulic reservoir enclosure assembly, comprising:

- (a) a reservoir for containing a hydraulic fluid, said reservoir having a front side and a back side;
- (b) a frame sized to at least partially enclose said reservoir, said frame including:
 - (i) a first side support structure;
 - (ii) a second side support structure; and
- (c) a mounting arrangement interconnected to said reservoir, said arrangement consisting of:
 - (i) a first mounting member;
 - (ii) a second mounting member; and
 - (iii) a third mounting member;
- (d) wherein the mounting arrangement is configured to mount said reservoir to a support structure at a distance from said support structure.

26. (New) The hydraulic reservoir of claim 25, wherein the support structure is a bottom support structure extending between the first and second side support structures of the frame.

27. (New) The hydraulic reservoir of claim 25, wherein said first, second, and third mounting members are positioned in a triangular configuration.

28. (New) The hydraulic reservoir of claim 27, wherein one of the first, second, and third mounting members is offset from, and centrally positioned between, the other mounting members.

29. (New) The hydraulic reservoir of claim 25, wherein each of said first, second, and third mounting members has a flange portion and an extension portion, the extension portion being configured to mount said reservoir to said support structure at said distance from said support structure.

30. (New) The hydraulic reservoir of claim 25, wherein each of said first, second, and third mounting members is L-shaped.
31. (New) The hydraulic reservoir of claim 25, wherein the first and second mounting members are located toward the front side of said reservoir, and the third mounting member is located toward the back side of said reservoir.
32. (New) The hydraulic reservoir of claim 31, wherein the first and second mounting members are located adjacent to said first and second side support structures respectively, and the third mounting member is centrally located between said first and second side support structures.
33. (New) A hydraulic reservoir assembly, comprising:
- (a) a reservoir for containing a hydraulic fluid, said reservoir having a front, a back, and opposing sides;
 - (b) a flexible mounting arrangement configured to mount said reservoir to a support structure at a distance from said support structure, said flexible mounting arrangement consisting of three mounting members arranged such that said reservoir is substantially isolated from torsional forces placed upon the support structure.
34. (New) The hydraulic reservoir of claim 33, wherein the support structure is a bottom support structure positioned beneath said reservoir.
35. (New) The hydraulic reservoir of claim 33, wherein the three mounting members are positioned in a triangular configuration.
36. (New) The hydraulic reservoir of claim 33, wherein each of the three mounting members has a flange portion and an extension portion, the extension portion being configured to mount said reservoir to said support structure at said distance from said support structure.

37. (New) The hydraulic reservoir of claim 33, wherein each of the three mounting members is L-shaped.

38. (New) The hydraulic reservoir of claim 33, wherein two of the three mounting members are located toward the front of said reservoir, and the other of the three mounting members is located toward the back of said reservoir.